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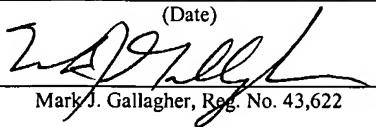
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment in 15 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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